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**SUBJECT: Closure of Wilson Main Lock, Tennessee River Mile 259.4**

The main chamber of Wilson Lock will be closed to allow scheduled maintenance to be conducted from **14 July through 11 August 2009**. This closure was originally scheduled between 28 July and 25 August but has been rescheduled to allow the Nashville District to perform critical maintenance to Smithland Lock later this year.

The auxiliary chamber will be available to pass traffic during the closure. The standard policy of utilizing a bow and a stern line is still the preferred configuration for lockage. However, due to the unique nature of the double chambers at the auxiliary lock, the past policy of allowing commercial vessels the option of lockage with one line and one deckhand per barge will be utilized. This policy reduces the number of crewmembers and the total lockage time needed for passage of large multi-cut tows. Arrival points will be extended in accordance with lockage backlog as during previous closures of the main chamber. The senior lock operator on duty will establish arrival times. Vessel operators are encouraged to utilize the "Self-Help" program during their lockages.

A Priority Lockage Committee has been established to assist in passage of time-sensitive cargos. The committee is made up of members of the towing industry and will review requests for priority lockage and help establish lockage queues to minimize impact of the lock's closure on the marine industry. Vessels with time-sensitive cargos can contact the lockmaster at Wilson Lock for information on how to submit a request for priority lockage.

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